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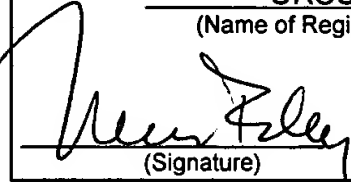
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Docket No.: ARDEN-JACOB

In re Application of:)
JUTTA ARDEN-JACOB et al.)
Appl. No.: 09/980,531) Group Art Unit: 1641
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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

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This communication is in response to the Official Action of June 1, 2004, having a shortened period for response of three months terminating on September 1, 2004. This response is being filed within 2 months of the Final Rejection in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.116. Since the last day for such a response would have been August 1, 2004, and since that day fell on a Sunday, this response is being filed on the first business thereafter.

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Please amend the above-entitled application as follows: